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Mr. McCulloch introduced a bill for the relief of Thomas Collins; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs, a bill to encourage the improvement of the navigable rivers and waters of the State of Texas, by making appropriations for the same, with amendments made by the House, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the bill and amendments were postponed until Monday next, the 21st inst.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, July 18th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—prayer by the Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the rule was suspended, and the report of the Committee on Education, upon a bill to consolidate the Texas Monumental Committee and the Texas Military Institute with Ruterville College, was taken up, read, and the amendments offered by the Committee, were adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, and Whitaker—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Caldwell, Russell, and Weatherford—3.

Mr. Maverick presented the petition of D. Hardeman and others; read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Millican presented the memorial of Eli Chandler; referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of E. P. Wells; referred to Committee on Public Debt.

Also, the petition of Hoffman, Dickuth, and Junker; referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Palmer presented the petition of the creditors of the German Emigration Company, and sundry citizens, praying for relief; referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed:

A bill to provide for the payment of Volunteers.

A bill to legitimate the children of Nathan Holbert and Mary Clementine Boncrese.

A bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Reid.

And, a bill to incorporate the town of Wheelock, in the county of Robertson.

Mr. Grimes, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance, have had under consideration a bill making an appropriation for the per diem pay of the officers of the adjourned session of the sixth Legislature, and have instructed me to report the bill back with an amendment, recommending the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill.

Amendment.—Section 1, line 2, after "the," insert "members of the adjourned session of the sixth Legislature shall be entitled to mileage at the same rate that members are entitled by law to receive at the regular sessions of the Legislature, and that the"—.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred "A bill to legalize the Official acts of David B. Fearris, Notary Public of the county of Ellis," reported the same back, recommending its passage.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the same Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee have examined "A bill to extend the time for procuring unconditional headright certificates where conditional certificates have heretofore issued." The bill originated in the House of Representatives, and is in substance much the same as a bill which originated in, and has been rejected by the Senate, during the present session—the same being entitled, "An Act to authorize the county court to issue unconditional Headright certificates where conditional certificates only have issued"—and is thought to be subject to the prohibition of the 22nd section of the 3rd article of the Constitution of the State. But aside from this, the Committee believes that many frauds were committed under the Act proposed to be extended, and fear that the same would be the case should the bill under consideration become a law. The Committee also think the Legislation unnecessary, as the proposed relief is provided for in the "Act to ascertain the legal claims for money and lands against the State," which has passed the Senate, and will probably become a law during the present session. The

committee, therefore, direct me to return the bill, and recommend its rejection.

Mr. Flanagan, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred "A bill to authorize James M. Waide to construct a bridge across the Sabine River," and, "A bill to incorporate the Huntsville Railroad Company," reported the same back, recommending their passage.

Mr. Flanagan, Chairman of the same Committee, made the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvements, have had before them "A bill amending, and supplementary to an Act to incorporate the Colorado Valley Railroad Company," approved February 7th, 1853, and to an Act to amend the same, approved January 27th, 1854, and after a careful examination into the merits of the bill, conclude that the relief sought should be granted, and present to the Senate the accompanying substitute, recommending its adoption, and recommending and granting the relief prayed. The committee consider that many, nay, nearly all the corporations that have been chartered, have failed to comply with the said charters, either in whole or in part, and the reasons are known to be valid and good in almost every case. Similar struggles are and have been common in every State in the Union. Experience teaches that many difficulties are sure to present themselves. Such has been the case in every State, where Railroads are now in successful operation. It is hoped that perseverance will be found to prevail, and that Texas ere long will be found to stand side by side with her sister States, and certain it is, Railroads will not be built without charters.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to change the boundary line of Erath county ; read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Grimes introduced a Joint Resolution authorizing the binding of the Laws and Journals of the sixth Legislature ; read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, introduced a bill to authorize the sale of the old Capitol ; read 1st and 2d times, and

On motion of Mr. Caldwell referred to the committee on public buildings.

Mr. Pedigo introduced a bill authorizing and requiring the issuance of patents upon certain surveys in Peters' colony ; read 1st and 2d times, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Taylor of Houston introduced a bill to provide the mode of proving up instruments of writing for record, where the subscribing witnesses refuse voluntarily to go before the proper officers to prove the same; read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Supervelle introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of San Antonio, approved July 17, A.D., 1856; read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Potter the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Potter the rule was further suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to establish a code of criminal procedure for the State of Texas.

Mr. Taylor of Cass moved to dispense with the reading of the bill except by caption.

Mr. Guinn being in the chair, decided that the reading could not be dispensed with, from which decision Mr. Taylor of Cass appealed; the Senate refused to sustain the decision of the chair, and the reading was dispensed with by a four-fifth vote.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the rule was suspended, bill read 3d time by caption and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Russell, from the committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of San Antonio, approved July 17th, 1856, correctly engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs,

A House bill to locate permanently the county seat of Newton county was taken up and read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs the rule was suspended, bill read 2d time and referred together with the petition of the citizens of Newton county, asking that Newton county be declared the county seat of said county, referred to the committee on county boundaries.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of the creditors and colonists of the German Emigration company, and to indemnify said company for lands given by the State to the colonists, taken up and on motion of Mr. Palmer, made the special order of the day for Monday the 21st inst.

On motion of Mr. Potter, a bill for the relief of Lieut. M. Hitchcock, was taken up read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to quiet land titles, special order for to-day, was

taken up, and the question being on the adoption of Mr. Palmer's amendment.

Mr. Guinn offered the following as an amendment to the amendment. "Provided that occupation shall not protect the claimant against the operation of this act, to a greater amount than 640 acres."

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. Flanagan.

Mr. Palmer offered the following as an amendment to his amendment. "Provided that said possession shall not protect said occupant against said forfeiture to the extent of more than one league and labor of land."

On motion of Mr. Palmer the further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the report of the committee on conference, on a "bill to define the 1st Judicial District and to fix the time of holding courts therein," was taken up read and adopted.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill authorizing the return of unconditional certificates to the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Read 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A message was received from the House* informing the Senate, that the House had adopted the report of the Committee of conference on a bill to define the 1st Judicial District, and to fix the time of holding the District Courts therein, also that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate to amend an act to incorporate the city of San Antonio, approved July 17th, 1856, and

A bill originating in the House for the relief of Jack R. Everett.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the petition of John W. Gollins, and Isabella Wingate; was taken up and referred to the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, July 19, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. White presented the petition of Wm. M. Cook—referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims No. 2.